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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

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For: Electronic Auction Method and System Permitting Simultaneous Bids on Multiple, Different Items

Enclosed are also:

23 Pages of Specification including an Abstract  
 13 Pages of Claims  
 11 Sheet(s) of Drawings  
 A Declaration and Power of Attorney  
 Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation

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| Total Claims              | 48              | -20 =           | 28                | X \$ 18 = \$504.00   |
| Independent Claims        | 3               | -3 =            | 0                 | X \$ 80 = \$ 0.00    |
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2. Recordation in duplicate;
3. Assignment(2);
4. Declaration and Power of Attorney(2);
5. Patent Application (23 pgs. spec. incl. abstract, 13 pgs. Claims);
6. 11 pages of drawings; and
7. Our return postcard.